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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NUECES COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday **August 11, 2021** via live stream and Board Members present to consider the following agenda.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by District staff Mr. Joshua Villarreal

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge was led by Chairman Garcia

**ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DIRECTORS:**

Jerry Garcia, Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Luis Elizondo, Vice Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Leo Gonzalez, Secretary	<u>Present</u>
Robert Adler	<u>Present</u>
Armando Chapa	<u>Present</u>
Gabriele Hilpold	<u>Present</u>
Rex A. Kinnison	<u>Present</u>
Butch Pool	<u>Present</u>
Kevin Kieschnick, Ex Officio	<u>Present</u>

**NON-DIRECTORS:**

Ramiro Canales, Chief Appraiser	<u>Present</u>
Don Causey, Asst. Chief Appraiser	<u>Present</u>
Tom Wheat, General Counsel	<u>Absent</u>
Terri Noack, TLO	<u>Present</u>

**CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nueces County Appraisal District will be called to order at 9:01 am. Let the record show that a quorum of the Board Members are present; that this meeting has been duly called; and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551 and that any conflict of interest affidavits have been received and placed on file as required by law.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2022 BUDGET**

Motion was made by Mr. Gonzalez to approve the 2022 budget. Mr. Chapa seconded. Motion passed.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION, CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the minutes of the July 14, 2021 Budget Public Hearing
- b) Approval of the minutes of the July 14, 2021
- c) Approval of the July 2021 Disbursements
- d) Fund Financial Statement dated July, 31, 2021
- e) Approval of the August 2021 Litigation Report

Ms. Hilpold motioned to approve the Budget Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Elizondo seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Gonzalez motioned to approve 2021 Disbursements. Mr. Adler seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Gonzalez motioned to approve the Financial Statement for July 31, 2021. Mr. Adler seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Gonzalez motioned to approve August 2021 Litigation Report. Mr. Kinnison seconded. Motion passed.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2021 INVESTMENT REPORT**

Mr. Sissamis reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter investment report was average. \$4.7 million was available to invest and earned .07% a return on investment, or \$779, versus the investment policy benchmark for the quarter, .03%. Sufficient funds are kept in the depository bank and are fully collateralized. Remaining funds were kept in TexPool, earning .01%. Mr. Elizondo asked if there is something that the District could invest for a better return. Mr. Sissamis stated that the District's options must be conservative by state law could not be invested in stocks and commodities. Mr. Gonzales asked if the portfolio was in compliance with the District's investment policy. Mr. Sissamis confirmed compliance with laws and the investment policy.



**MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, TEXAS  
GOVERNMENT CODE § 551.071**

**Sec. 551.071. Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting.**

A governmental body may not conduct a Private Consultation with its attorney except:

- (1) When the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about:
  - (a) Pending or contemplated litigation; or
  - (b) A settlement offer; or
- (2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

**Sec. 551.074. Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting.**

- (1) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting:
  - (a) to deliberate the appointment, employment evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or
  - (b) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.
- (2) Subsection (a) does not apply if the officer or employee who is subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATIVE TO ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**TAXPAYER LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT**

Ms. Noack, the District's new TLO, reported on July activities submitted by predecessor, Mr. Maupin, that there was no taxpayer activity to report. Ms. Noack informed the Board that ads have been placed for new members for 2022 and that a total of 10 openings are available. After applications are received, they will be forwarded to Mr. Wheat for background checks in September and that by mid-October, vetted applicants will be sent to the Judge for selections. The goal is to have the incoming members in place. Ms. Noack introduced Ms. Carolyn Smith as the new ARB Chair.



**Mr. Kevin Kieschnick, Ex Officio arrived at 9:21am.**

**CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT**

Mr. Canales congratulated Ms. Smith ARB Chair and Ms. Noack TLO. Certification was rolled out on July 25. Mr. Canales invited the board members to the Ad Valorem Legal Seminar in San Antonio and the TAAO conference Austin just to let the Administration know if they are interested in going. Bids for parking lot to get repaved and striped. In couple of months we have had three or four persons testing positive for Covid we have had three or four persons tested positive. We have 100 lawsuits with and two refineries in the San Patricio area trying to settle with double taxation. The boundary case went to Refugio Court approximately two months and overturned everything back to San Patricio submerge land included. They are waiting to see if the district will appeal. Valero & Flint Hills are still in the courts.

**SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Ms. Hilpold suggested that an online tracking system for ARB hearing status be researched.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

SIGNED:

  
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Leo Gonzalez  
Secretary

